



# EDMOND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*Empowering all students to succeed in a changing society*

**Bret Towne**  
Superintendent

October 2, 2018

Dear Oklahoma State Board of Education members, and  
Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

I am writing this letter to request a waiver which would allow FY 2018/19 state textbook funds to be used for other general fund expenses. According to 70 O.S. § 16-114a section B, "A school district seeking flexibility in the use of state-appropriated funding allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks shall be required to demonstrate to the State Board of Education that the textbooks and instructional materials used by the district for the subject areas being considered in the current textbook adoption cycle are current and appropriate for student learning." The bullet points below demonstrate that Edmond Public Schools (EPS) already had in place financial resources to purchase and maintain textbooks for this current year math adoption

- Since the loss of dedicated textbook funds in 2016, Edmond has found other resources to keep our textbook adoptions current
  - Elementary ELA – Benchmark
  - Elementary Science – Foss
  - Elementary Math – Bridges
  - Elementary S.S. – Up for adoption in 2019
  - Secondary ELA – Houghton Mifflin - Collections
  - Secondary Science – McGraw Hill – Isience and various others for individual subjects
  - Secondary Math – Discovery Tech Book
  - Secondary S.S. – Pearson/Prentice Hall
- A bond issue passed in February of 2017 provided \$5,650,000.00 for textbooks
- Money passed in a bond issue must be spent towards the purchases promised to the voters
- For the 18-19 school year, EPS purchased math curriculum for all grades PK-AP Statistics at the cost of \$2,672,128.60
- For the 18-19 school year, EPS also purchased textbooks in the amount of \$910,484.60 for new teachers and student growth in order to ensure all teachers have teacher's editions and all students have textbooks for our current adoptions

Attached you will find a memo dated April 30, 2018 requesting that the Edmond Board of Education approve the adoption of math curriculum and the associated costs. At the time of the approval on May 7, 2018; curriculum bond funds we encumbered and the order for the materials was placed. This was done in order that teachers would receive their instructor's version to review over the summer and students would have textbooks available the first day of classes.

# MEMO

**To:** Mr. Towne and Edmond Board of Education  
**From:** Angela Grunewald  
**Date:** April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
**Re:** Purchase of Math Textbooks

The textbook selection process began with a group of 33 teachers representing all schools and various grade levels. Attached is the unique process the committee followed to decide upon the textbook companies/curricula from those that were up for recommendation.

## Voting Results:

PK	World of Wonders 12 (31%)	Big Day/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 25 (64%)
Elementary	Eureka 57 (20%)	Bridges /The Math Learning Center 223 (80%)
Middle School	CPM 0 (0%)	Discovery Tech Book/Discovery Ed 33 (100%)
High School*	EnVision 17 (50%)	Discovery Tech Book/Discovery Ed 17 (50%)
Alg I, Geo, Alg II		textbook committee broke the tie 7-1

\*Upper level or off level courses including Trig/Pre-Calculus, Prep for College Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, Math for Finance, and Calculus were able to select textbooks based on single courses.

## Projected Costs for 6 Year Adoption:

Big Day	\$ 153,520.24
Bridges	\$1,384,023.60
Discovery Ed	\$1,283,290.00
Cengage - Calculus	\$ 70,928.03
McGraw Hill	\$ 155,211.29
Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra	
Math of Finance, Pre Calculus/Trig	
Bedford, Freeman & Worth - AP Statistics	\$ 25,133.74
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,072,106.90</b>

## Highlights of Selected Materials:

- Bridges and Discovery Ed received extremely high ratings in non-profit research findings.
- Discovery Ed is a "Techbook" that works with canvas. Class sets of print books will be available.
- Discovery Ed lessons use a Discover-Practice-Apply process with connections to the real world.
- Professional development is included in the three main adoptions.
- Upper-level math books are digital for all students with a class set in each classroom.
- Bridges is a curriculum based on active learning and problem solving using visual models and manipulatives.
- Bridges blends direct instruction, structured investigation and open exploration.
- Bridges received the most votes at every grade level.
- Both Bridges and Discovery Education have an RTI component that supports the core program.